New Haven June 20th 1845

My Dear Brother

Your letter was rec'd in due time & a day or two afterwards, the two papers containing Dr Olin's attack upon you & your reply.

You must think it strange that I have not replied to your kind letter long since. but the reason is that I read the articles thro' hastily in order to get their full bearing, thinking that I would give them a careful reperusal — & in the mean time handed them to Nancy for her to read One of them by some unaccountable accident is misplaced or lost & I therefore have been waiting in hopes to find it feeling that I could not write to you with the full confidence I should feel if I had them both before me. Not being able to find the paper, I now after a careful reperusal of your reply give you my ideas generally which I suppose is all you would like.

There seems to be a peculiar feeling about Dr O. — a malicious spirit which impels him to attempt injury to you as if for the gratification of some secret spite. The letters which he publishes afford certainly a prima facie case against you which as it appears to me rendered it incumbent upon you to make the exposition you have done; & the excellent spirit manifested in your reply cannot but commend it to the candid consideration of any reader. It seems to me that your ~~article~~ is entirely conclusive against Dr O. & his correspondents. If I read aright the letter published by Messrs Holm, alone ~~claims~~ claims from his own knowledge that you are in error & he being personally an interested party – setting up a claim for himself after a silence of some seven years, offered testimony by no means to be compared in credibility with your own statements written at the time & long since published. — Even however, if his testimony were an offset for your own declarations, there still remains to establish the fact in your favor all the testimony which you have adduced in your note & which it does seem to me is entirely conclusive. It would indeed appear to be providential that you should be in possession of testimony so direct & convincing. I think Dr O would scarcely have ventured a publication of his attack had he been aware that you were thus ~~[illegible]~~ amply of proof. ~~He~~ He will be very apt to learn that discretion is the better part of valor –

The Methodists of [illegible] take quite an interest in the Controversy & so far as I can learn they all feel that it is unfortunate for Dr O. & entirely unnecessary on his part.

Cornelia is quite unwell – has a bad head ache nearly all the time with loss of appetite, & much debility. Nancy is in delicate health. Otherwise we are as usual. Cornelia recd a few days since a letter from Mary. Geo's family are well. No increase there as yet that I have heard of

Doct Bacon is represented as having a disease of his lungs which renders a trip to Europe indispensable. Doubtless he would like the trip but for the disease of his lungs!!! He ~~has~~ had a hoarse cold & his health has not been very good since the death of his wife. I rather think he will go. Mr Whiting offers to subscribe $100. Others will probably make up the necessary amount. We raised by subscription for the payment of his debts last fall some $3.500 & the society voted $250 in addition to his salary, for which I suppose he was mainly indebted to me. Walter thinks he must get to Europe without my assistance

We recd a letter yesterday from Elizabeth she expects to leave Detroit with Sister Sophia on the 27th & will stop some time with you or in Brooklyn before she comes on here. They were all well at D.

Remember us all to Sister [illegible]

Your affte Brother
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